

In the afternoon, the President welcomed Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom to the Bush Ranch.

The President declared a major disaster in Tennessee and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding over the periods of January 23–28 and March 15–20.

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### **Nominations Submitted to the Senate**

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NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

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### **Checklist of White House Press Releases**

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The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

#### ***Released April 1***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit by NATO Secretary General Lord Robertson

#### ***Released April 2***

Transcript of a press briefing by Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy Margaret Spellings on the President's early childhood learning initiative

Fact sheet: President Announces Early Childhood Initiative

Statement by the Press Secretary on the capture of Abu Zubaydah

#### ***Released April 3***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Virginia

#### ***Released April 4***

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Kentucky

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 1499, H.R. 2739, and H.R. 3985

Fact sheet: The President's Call to Action on Trade

#### ***Released April 5***

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Tennessee

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### **Acts Approved by the President**

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#### ***Approved March 27\****

H.R. 2356 / Public Law 107–155  
Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002

#### ***Approved March 31***

S. 2019 / Public Law 107–156  
To extend the authority of the Export-Import Bank until April 30, 2002

#### ***Approved April 4***

H.R. 1499 / Public Law 107–157  
District of Columbia College Access Improvement Act of 2002

H.R. 2739 / Public Law 107–158

To amend Public Law 107–10 to authorize a United States plan to endorse and obtain observer status for Taiwan at the annual summit of the World Health Assembly in May 2002 in Geneva, Switzerland, and for other purposes

H.R. 3985 / Public Law 107–159

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the leasing of restricted Indian lands for public, religious, educational, recreational, residential, business, and other purposes requiring the grant of long-term leases", approved August 9, 1955, to provide for binding arbitration clauses in leases and contracts related to reservation lands of the Gila River Indian Community

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\* This public law was not received in time for inclusion in the appropriate issue.